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re: Serial No. 09/446,492

Receipt is acknowledged of the filing certificate for  
Serial No. 09/446,492, filed February 1, 2000, in the names of  
Laurent FERENCZI et al., in Group 2876.

It is requested that a new certificate be issued on  
which the filing date of the PCT application is correctly given  
as: June 22, 1998.

In this application, please also issue a Notification  
of Acceptance of Application Under 35 USC 371.

Respectfully submitted,

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THIS APPLICATION IS A 371 OF PCT/FR98/01300, 07/01/1998

## Foreign Applications

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## Title

INSTALLATION FOR MONITORING GAS CYLINDERS

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STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

Please inform us of the status of the Notice of Acceptance for the above-identified application. The Filing Receipt was received on June 23, 2000 and no Notice of Acceptance has been received. Please forward a copy of the Notice of Acceptance for our files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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  - ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
  - ☐ Other:
- The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
  - ☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
    - ☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
  - ☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
  - ☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.
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- Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: Laurent FERENCZI et al.  
U.S. Patent Appln. 09/446,492  
PCT/FR98/01300  
Filed December 23, 1999

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of today, we transmit immediately hereafter a copy of a Transmittal Letter with the executed declaration which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 1, 2000, as well as a copy of our postcard receipt which evidences the filing of such Transmittal Letter with executed declaration on that date.

Your prompt attention to this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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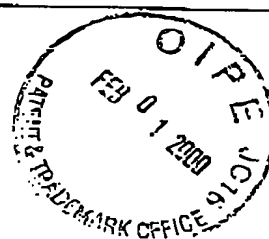
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Sir:

We enclose herewith the executed declaration which was omitted at the time of filing the application. We have not yet received the Form PCT/DO/EO/905.

The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

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## INSTALLATION FOR MONITORING GAS CYLINDERS

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- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

- ☒ was described and claimed in International application No. PCT/FR98/01300 filed on 22 June 1998 and as amended on (if any).

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
France	97/08032	26 June 1997	yes

*(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)*

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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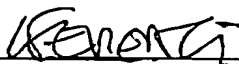
As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Robert J. PATCH**, Reg. No. 17,355, **Andrew J. PATCH**, Reg. No. 32,925, **Robert F. HARGEST**, Reg. No. 25,590, **Benoît CASTEL**, Reg. No. 35,041, **Eric JENSEN**, Reg. No. 37,855, **Thomas W. PERKINS**, Reg. No. 33,027, and **Roland E. LONG, Jr.**, Reg. No. 41,949, c/o **YOUNG & THOMPSON**, Second Floor, 745 South 23rd Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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1. The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as

- ☐ Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),  
☒ An Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495);

☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.

☒ Copy of the international application in:

- ☐ A non-English language,  
☒ English.

☐ Translation of the international application into English.

☒ Oath or Declaration of inventor(s) for DO/EO/US.

☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.

☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.

☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed Dec 22, 1999 and

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed and

☐ Assignment document.

☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.

☐ Substitute specification filed

☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

☐ Priority Document.

☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☐ and copies of the references cited therein.

☐ Other:

2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.

☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.

☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).

☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

☒ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.

☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

3. Additional claim fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY ☐ 21 OR ☐ 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.

5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

Applicant is reminded that any communication to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above. (37 CFR 1.5)

**A copy of this notice *MUST* be returned with this response.**

Enclosed:

☒ PCT/DO/EO/917

☐ Notice of Defective Translation

☐ PTO-875

FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (December 1997)

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In re application of

Laurent FERENCZI et al.

Serial No. 09/446,492  
(PCT/FR98/01300)

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Filed December 23, 1999

INSTALLATION FOR MONITORING  
GAS CYLINDERS

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We enclose herewith the executed declaration which was omitted at the time of filing the application. We have not yet received the Form PCT/DO/EO/905.

The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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# COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## INSTALLATION FOR MONITORING GAS CYLINDERS

the specification of which: *(check one)*

### REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_.

### PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE

- ☒ was described and claimed in International application No. PCT/FR98/01300 filed on 22 June 1998 and as amended on (if any) \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

### PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
France	97/08032	26 June 1997	yes

*(Complete this part only if this is a continuing application.)*

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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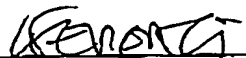
The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from L'Air Liquide as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Robert J. PATCH, Reg. No. 17,355, Andrew J. PATCH, Reg. No. 32,925, Robert F. HARGEST, Reg. No. 25,590, Benoît CASTEL, Reg. No. 35,041, Eric JENSEN, Reg. No. 37,855, Thomas W. PERKINS, Reg. No. 33,027, and Roland E. LONG, Jr., Reg. No. 41,949, c/o YOUNG & THOMPSON, Second Floor, 745 South 23rd Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202.**

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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### NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE OATH OR DECLARATION

This application fails to contain an oath or declaration acceptable under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4) for entry into the national stage in the United States of America. The period within which to correct these requirements and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

A new oath or declaration, identifying this application by the international application number and international filing date is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:

1. ☒ is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
2. ☐ does not identify the specification to which it is directed.
3. ☐ does not identify the inventor(s).
4. ☐ does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.
5. ☐ does not state the person making the oath or declaration believes the named inventor or inventors to be the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN OATH OR DECLARATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 CFR 1.497(a) AND (b) WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET WILL RESULT IN FAILURE TO ENTER THE NATIONAL STAGE AND THE ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.

Additionally, the oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:

1. ☐ does not identify the city and state or city and foreign country of residence or each inventor.
2. ☐ does not state that the person making the oath or declaration:
  - a. ☐ has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.
  - b. ☐ acknowledges the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.
3. ☐ does not identify the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.55, and any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, by specifying the application serial number, country, day, month, and year of its filing.
4. ☐ does not state that the person making the oath or declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and filing date of the continuation in part application which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)).

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